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With sincere regards of
John W. Jordan.

To Keim

ORDERLY-BOOK

OF THE

PENNSYLVANIA STATE REGIMENT

OF FOOT

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[The Pennsylvania State Regiment of Foot was formed largely from the remains of the Rifle Battalion of Colonel Samuel Miles and the Musketry Battalion of Colonel Samuel J. Atlee, and on May 2, 1777, John Bull was commissioned its colonel. His appointment was, however, unsatisfactory to the officers, who threatened to resign unless he was removed; accordingly on June 17 he was appointed Adjutant-General of the State, and Colonel Walter Stewart given the command of the regiment. The details of this movement are given in the "Diary of Lieutenant James McMichael," PENNA. MAG., Vol. XVI. pp. 129 *et seq.* In July the regiment was designated the Thirteenth Pennsylvania Line, and in November, by resolution of Congress, was placed on the Continental Establishment. When Colonel Stewart took command of the regiment it mustered eleven companies, fifty-two field- and staff-officers, seventy-nine non-commissioned officers, and four hundred and seventy-seven privates fit for duty. The Orderly-Book is in a fairly good condition, and many of the entries are in the handwriting of Hugh McGough, who was a sergeant in the company of Captain John Clark. On the inside of the cover is the following: "May 15, 1777. Crossed ye River to Liberty Island from Red Bank. Four of the enemies ships came into the River and our Gallies bore down to meet them. On that night the enemy landed at New Castle and carried a number of live stock on board their ships, after cutting down ye Liberty Pole and taking away ye Alarm gun. The day following they stood for the Capes." On the same date Lieutenant McMichael in his diary records, "At noon the alarm guns down the river were fired and flags all hoisted. We were paraded and awaited

the attack, which proved a false alarm." The fly-leaf has also the following entries relating to two privates of Captain John Clark's company:

"William Jefferies, 5 ft. 6 in. high; pale complexion, long black hair, med. large grey eyes, a well made Irishman, received his furlough Aug. 21 for 30 Days."

"William Elliot, from Londonderry, Lancaster county Pa., short dark curly hair, fair complexion, about 5 feet 7 or 8 in. high, has furlough from Dec. 16 1777 to March 1 1778."

"December 30, 1777, Lieut. Joseph Finley [of second company] being promoted to Captain, is to take the command of the company formerly Captain Patrick Anderson's." Captain Anderson had been elected a member of the Assembly.]

HEAD QUARTERS RED BANK May 3d 1777.

The officers are to take care of the men & see that they keep themselves clean to Prevent their being sick.

It is with the greatest Reluctancy that I perceive that great numbers of the men and officers are disabled & unfit for Duty with that vile and uncleanly disorder called the . . . as it is a Disorder that they bring upon themselves for if they would not . . . any they would not take it. I therefore am Determined to lay the fine of £3. upon the Captains as I Perceive they are very subject to that Disorder; as for the subalterns I Perceive they are not subject to that Disorder, I therefore order a gill of Rum to be given to them on the 1st Day of May 1780 gratis.

The men are to receive 50 lashes.

JNO BULL,
Col. Comd.

HEAD QUARTERS RED BANK May ye 10th 1777.

Quartermaster to collect all Liquors belonging to any of ye Soldiers and their Wives exceeding 1 Quart each at Red Bank & order it on Board ye first Shalop or flat & suffer Women whose property it is to go on board with it to Philadelphia; ye Regt to leave if fit this evening and ye officers to see that all the men have themselves and arms clean by tomorrow morning and be on the parade at 8 of clock [torn] Every Sunday as usual and not appear upon the parade at any time without being Shaved and their hair Combed.

The Capt. or Comanding officer of companys to give in

a return of Arms and Acutrements and other Necessaries to compleat their Companys.

HEAD QUARTERS FORT MERCER May 24th 1777.

The Regt to be paraded at 6 o'Clock in ye morning & 5 in ye afternoon with arms & acutrements to exercise ye Sergts to take in Rotation, to be orderly & keep an exact Roster of ye Companys, ye officers to attend ye parade as many as are present and when the men go to work at least one officer of each Company to attend to see yt ye men as many as are able, to turn out. Ye Captain of ye Day is to Inspect ye tents and order ye men to mend those that are tore and if any should be Tore in Future by Neglect to Report ye perpetrators. Regular Division of Tents to be made according to ye number of men in each Company—one tent for six men or 5 men and one woman, ye Sergts to be punctual in Delivery of their Reports precisely at 6 o'Clock in ye morning. Any Neglect to be taken in Notice.

FORT MERCER May the 26th 1777.

The Quartermaster is to order the Camp Colormen to Dig two Necessaries, one at each wing of the Camp and when full to cover them well over—the Camp to be kept Clean. Any man found to . . . about the Camp shall be put in the Guard house—Orders issued before to be strictly observed both by Officers & Soldiers—the Sergts to shew the orders as soon as they get them from the Adjutant to their Officers.

HEAD QUARTERS FORT MERCER May 28th 1777.

It is with the utmost Concern ye Colonel observes so great a backwardness of duty, therefore hopes ye Officers will exert themselves in future to see yt the men do their duty punctually—all Neglect will be taken Notice of without distinction. Ye Quartermaster to Issue Rum for none but for those on duty, the Women to draw none. Ye officers are to be particular in their provision Returns and to mention at the Bottom of them the Quantity of Rum due to their men.

HEAD-QUARTERS FORT MERCER May ye 30th 1777.

All the Rifles private property belonging to Soldiers of ye Pennsylvania State Reg^t who chuse to dispose of them are to Deliver with their Names written on paper pasted on the buts in order they may be appraised.

HEAD QUARTERS FORT MERCER June ye 6th 1777.

STANDING ORDER.

Every Soldier before ye hour to Parade shall be properly Equipped and Dressed, arms and Linnen clean, Shaved and hair Dressed so as to appear on Field Days & when on Guard decent and Soldiery like. Ye Quartermaster to divide ye Cloaths between ye Comp^ys according to their several Necessities taking Rec^ts for ye same—the Capt^ns who are to keep Acct how y^e are Disposed of Ye Guard not to be Relieved on Field Days until on 6 o'Clock when the Adjutant will order ye old Guard to Dress and prepare immediately to fall in Battalion by three o'Clock in ye afternoon in order they may not be Deprived of ye Benefit of their Duty.

HEAD QUARTERS FORT MERCER June ye 8th 1777.

Altho' frequent orders have been given against selling any Spirituous Liquors, yet some has been Brought into Camp. Ye Colo^n is Determined that any person found guilty of Bringing & Selling such Liquors he shall be put in the Guard house and severely punished for Disobedience of Orders and never in ye Future allowed to sell, and the Liquor so brought shall be taken from them. The Men must be careful not to hurt the Fruit trees in the Camp, nor to burn any of the Rails or destroy them.

HEAD QUARTERS FORT MERCER, June 13th 1777.

Captain of the Day, tomorrow,—Capt. Clark. Officers to command the Working Parties, Lieut. Van Pelt, Ensign Boyle, Ensign Gregg.[1]

[1] Captain John Clark, of the seventh company; Second Lieutenant James Van Pelt, of the sixth company; Ensign Peter Boyle, of the third company; and Ensign Robert Gregg, of the fourth company.

HEAD QUARTERS FORT MERCER, June 14th 1777.

Officer for the Day tomorrow, Capt. Gray; officers to attend the Working Parties, Ensign Dugan, Ensign Vanwinkle, Ensign Colier.[1]

HEAD QUARTERS FORT MERCER, June ye 14th 1777.

The Troops to be ready tomorrow morning by 10 o'clock with arms, ammunition, and accoutrements in good order to march to Gloucester as soon as possible and as ye Quartermaster is absent, one Commissioned officer of each Regt to use his best Endeavours to provide a wagon for their respective Com. Baggage and one for ye Field Officers.

HEAD QUARTERS FORT MERCER, June 15th 1777.

The Command to be left at Fort Mercer to consist of one Capt., one Lieut., one Ensign, three Sergt, a Drum and Fife & fifty Privates, viz. Capt. Carnahan, Lieut. Gregg, Ensign Bickham, a Serg't from Capt. Gray, Robb and Carnahan, the Drum Major, and small Drum & fife, five Privates from each Company.[2]

HEAD QUARTERS PHILADELPHIA June 15th 1777.

A Detachment consisting of one Capt. two Subalterns, four Sergeants, four Corporals & fifty Men must be Paraded by seven o'clock at the Barracks to escort Powder to the Camp—they must be all properly Equipt with every Requisite as they do not return again until the Regm joins them. The Regt to be Paraded at the same time or rather sooner, when they must all receive their Clothing from the Quarter Master to prepare them for Marching to Head Quarters when ordered. The officers ordered to go are Capt. Anderson, Lieut. Crane, and Ensign Fullerton.[3]

[1] Captain Robert Gray, of the eighth company; Ensign James Dungan, of the tenth company; Ensign John Van Winkle, of the second company; Ensign Joseph Collier, of the seventh company.

[2] Captain James Carnahan, of the tenth company; Second Lieutenant John Gregg, of the fifth company; Ensign James Bickham, of the sixth company; Captain John Robb, of the ninth company; Drum-Major Isaac Holloway.

[3] Captain Patrick Anderson, Second Lieutenant Ambrose Crain, and Ensign Patrick Fullerton, all of the first company.

HEAD QUARTERS PHILADELPHIA June the 18 1777.

A Corporal and six Men to parade immediately and March to General Mifflin's Quarters, in order to escort his Baggage to Camp.

LEWIS NICOLA,
Town Major.

To COL. STEWART
or Officer Commanding his Regt.

HEAD QUARTERS PHILADELPHIA June the 18th 1777.

Allow me to Assure you Gentlemen that it was with the greatest Pleasure I accepted of the command of a Regt whose officers stood so High in the Esteem of the publick both in respect of their abilities and their Ability & Activity. It is with no less pleasure I observe the Ardent Desire each Officer sustains to have his Men comfortably and completely equipt before the march to Camp, and its I think a Duty encumbant upon me to use every endeavour in my Power to procure them what Necessaries they may want. I must desire the Quarter Master will immediately Clothe the Regt as far as the things now in his possession will go, and deliver me a Return of what remains still wanting.

The Captains will immediately be pleased to make Returns to the Adjut of their Companies, not the Names of those Men not yet Exchanged as I am informed there are a number of Deserters from the Regt and many Recruits would be willing to join the Regt. Every Officer ought to pick them up. The following Gentlemen will hold themselves in immediate readiness to go on that Service.

The Pay Master[1] having received the Money for the purpose, will as Expeditiously as possible settle with the Men to the first of June or as late as the Money will allow of.

WALTER STEWART
Colonel P. S. R.

HEAD QUARTERS PHILADELPHIA June 18, 1777.

Two Guards each consisting of 1 Subalteran, 1 Sergt, 1 Corporal, 1 Drum & 20 Men, must be ready in the State

[1] Captain Jacob Laverswyler.

House yard at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning to escort some Wagons to Camp. The Officer will receive his Instructions from Capt. Watkins.

LEWIS NICOLA,
T. M.

To COL. WALTER STEWART,
or Senior Officer with his Regt.

HEAD QUARTERS PHILADELPHIA June ye 19th 1777.

Ensign Bemper,[1] & Ensign Fullerton will proceed on ye above command & when ye have executed this order from Capt. Watkins they immediately proceed with their parties to Correll's Ferry there to join ye rest. Ye Regt. will be paraded tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock when they are to be properly equipt, to proceed to Camp. It is absolutely necessary yt each Capt. immediately delivers Returns mentioned in yesterdays Orders, and Col. Stewart flatters himself as the time fixed for leaving the City is so near at hand, that all will exert themselves in getting the men in proper order.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS June the 20th 1777.

The Captains are desired in the most possitive manner to get the Pay Rolls for the Back Pay due the Men immediately finished as I shall be under the Necessity of delivering to the Board of War a return of those Companies which have not been settled with this afternoon. If the Pay Master has not Money sufficient for this purpose the Board of War will supply him with more. Those Men who have not received all their Clothing must have it this afternoon. The Roll to be called at six this afternoon and six tomorrow morning.

WALTER STEWART,
Colonel P. S. R.

BOUND BROOK June the 26th 1777.

The Regt. to be drawn up on the hill near the three gun battery to the northward of the Meeting-house, at seven o'clock this evening, when a guard will be fixed at said

[1] Ensign Abraham Boemper, of the ninth company.

place consisting of one Capt., two Subalt's, four Serg^{ts}, and fifty rank and file. One Serg^{t} and twelve men on the Quibbletown road, one Sergt and twelve men on the road to Corell's Ferry, one Lieut. and two Sergts. on this side the Bridge. At Tattoo the loose boards on the Bridge are to be brought to this side, and in case of an alarm in the night, the men are to parade on the same ground the Roll was called near the three gun battery. The wagons to be paraded on the hill at Roll call, where the wagons will have orders.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS June the 27th 1777.

The Regt. to be paraded tomorrow morning at four o'clock, when they are to manouver to seven; the Roll to be called at six, and manouver to eight o'clock. The Capt's of the different companies to see that their men come clean on the parade, and order that they have their dirty linen washed.

The Quarter Master will see that the Men, according to a Standing General Order always have three days provisions before hand; after having it, have it cooked as soon as possible.

As I find there is a great number of Men in Camp [torn] their Corps which belong to this Regt., the Officers will be very industrious to find them out, and give a return of their names and companies to me.

WALTER STEWART, *Colonel.*

REGIMENTAL ORDERS July ye 1 1777.

The different Capts will make a return to the Adjutant of the Sergt's already appointed in the different companies, & what vacancies there now are, & he will take care for the future not to attempt Breaking or Nominating a Sergt. without my permission, as it is impossible for the Adjt to know the Sergts. of the Regt. when they are so frequently changed.

A General Return of the Regt. to be made to the Adjt by tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. It is desired that each Capt. will be particularly careful in making their Returns out exact.

An Officer for the week to be appointed in each Company to superintend the Cooking of the victuals, to whom I shall look, if there is any irregularity, & he may depend upon being punished if found Negligent.

An Officer of the week likewise to attend the Surgeon in visiting the sick.

The Capts must appoint good, sober, diligent men immediately as Corporals. The Quarter Master to make a return of the Tents, Camp Kettles, Wagons & all the Camp Equipage now with the Regt. by 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

WALTER STEWART, *Colonel.*

MIDDLE BROOK July 1st. 1777.

GENERAL ORDERS.

A General Court Martial to sit tomorrow at 9 o'clock at ye usual place for ye Trial of such prisoners as may be brought before them. Col. Walter Stewart is appointed to preside & all witnesses to attend. The late Court Martial whereof Col. Stephan was president is dissolved. A pay roll for ye month of May to be made immediately and delivered to ye Pay Master General for examination. The several Troops and detachments of Col. Bland's Light Horse are to assemble forthwith at ye Colonel's Quarters; ye Quarter Master General of Forage will assign a place where they may get Forage to recruit their horses.

A Return of the Sick in Camp of ye different Regts. to be made to ye Surgeon General of the Army every Tuesday and Friday at 9 o'clock in ye morning specifying ye mens names, their diseases and ye Company they belong to; these returns to be signed by the Surgeon of the Regt.

Jno. Mifflin, Henry Emanuel and Luther Leh Esq^{rs} are appointed D. Q. M. Gen^{ls} for this Army and are to be respected and obeyed as such. Clement Biddle Esqr is appointed Commissary of Forage for this Army.

Notwithstanding ye Order of the 3rd of June, the General is informed that many Officers are turning their horses into fields of grain and grass, and giving assurances to the proprietors of them, that the damages done shall be paid

for by ye Q. M. Gen[l] [torn] ye Orders already given, and considers ye [torn] y[t] distress under which the inhabitants of New Jersey still are and still groan, the General is astonished to find that neither duty, honor, nor humanity can restrain Officers from so cruel and unlawful practice, he once more, therefore, in ye most pointed and possitive terms forbids it and orders that no horse be turned into any field whatsoever without License for it signed from the Qr. Mr. Genl. or some person acting by his authority. After this second notice, any Officers offending, upon complaint being made, may rest assured that they shall not only be answerable for the Damage done, but brought before a Court Martial and tried for disobedience of orders.

Detail for the Court Martial ordered yesterday: 1 Field Officer, 2 Capts.; for the Court Martial whereof Colonel Stewart is President; 1 Capt. 2 Subaltn's.

General Orders.

The whole Army is to get ready to march tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock;[1] ye Tents & Baggage all put up properly into ye wagons. If it should rain ye Tents not to be struck. The two Regts. ordered to be detatched from Lord Stirling's Division, towards the Sound is not included but are to wait till further orders. The Honb'l Congress having been pleased to order and direct a Deputy Qr. Mr. Gen[l] should be appointed to each Division of the Army, and an Assistant to each Brigade, left the said appointments to ye Qr. Mr. Genl. with the approbation of the Comm. in Chief he requests ye Major Generals and Brigadiers of each Division to recommend a proper person to discharge ye duty of Deputy Qr. Mr. Gen[l] in their respective Divisions and ye Brigadier and commanding officers of each Brigade to recommend an Assistant in their Brigade. In doing this proper care and circumspection it is hoped will be used, as the comfort and good order of each Division and Brigade

[1] The army marched from Middle Brook to Morristown July 3, where head-quarters were established.

will in a great measure depend upon ye knowledge and activity and care of ye persons they make choice of.

HEAD QUARTERS, MORRISTOWN July 4th 1777.

As it is impossible to tell now with certainty how soon or how suddenly ye army may be called upon to march, as it is an event dependant entirely upon ye enemies movements, ye General orders that no Officer or soldier shall be absent from Camp; that every thing be had in perfect readiness except striking of Tents. As no opportunity can be more favorable than ye present to get rid of all heavy baggage, the General once more strongly urges the Officers to store what they can possibly spare at Morristown. If after this second notice they fill the Lumber Wagons with old Tables, Chests and Chairs &c., they are not to be surprised if they are left in the Field. This must be the inevitable consequence of a scarcity of teams. No fences are to be destroyed, nor horses to be turned into fields of grain or grass before they are appropriated by the Qr. Mr. Genl., who will direct where wood is to be had, that some of the wagons of each Brigade may be employed in hauling it to their Encampment. After orders will issue at 4 o'clock this afternoon for the better regulation of ye Troop's Wagons and Ca upon a march, at which time all the Brigade Majors will attend the Adjt. Genl. Observed yesterday that Wagons were very irregularly loaded; the Wagon Masters have now an opportunity of attending to that matter; for the future they are to see that the loads are properly distributed.

HEAD QUARTERS, MORRISTOWN, July 5th 1777.

GENERAL ORDERS.

When the order is given to march, and the men are paraded for that purpose the Rolls are to be called and the commanding Officers of each Corps is to see that his men are all present or know with certainty where they are. When they are told off in Subdivisions or platoons and Officers assigned to each such officers are to abide constantly

with them and upon a March to see that No man is suffered to Quit his Ranks upon any occasion, without a Non Commissioned officer, who is to bring him to his place again. Whenever a halt is made and ye Ranks are suffered to be Broke, in order for the men to Rest and Refresh themselves, ye officers Comm'g Divisions as above, is so soon as they are ordered to Arms again to see that they have every man in his Division in his place. If either of ye Maj. Genls. in their respective [torn] should see any apparent cause for a halt before the time & place Designed to send a A. D. C. to ye Comm'g officer with his Reasons for it, who, if he Judges it expedient will order it accordingly. When a march is begun after a halt ye Drummers are to be ye first Division of ye foot, march to be taken from Front to Rear & upon ye last flank of ye first Division being struck the whole are to move.

If any man falls Sick or Lame and is thereby unable to walk, ye officer Comm'g ye Sub Division or platoon in which he is, immediately to send Notice thereof to his Br. G. or officer Comm'g ye Brigade to provide a Berth for him in some Wagon under his care. As it is Impossible that good Government & Order can be preserved until every officer will take his share of Duty and be attentive to ye Discharge of it, the Commander in Chief directs upon a March—that Maj. Genls. do not quit their Divisions; Br. G. their Brigades; Col^{s} their Regts. nor other officers their respective Divisions unless it be in case of an Absolute Necessity, by order or with leave, each watching with a careful eye ye Conduct of all those under his Command. It is unreasonable to expect Regularity & Good Order in ye Common Soldiers if ye example is not set by ye Officers. Nor can ye officers with propriety punish a Soldier for a Disregard of orders which he Dispenses with himself. It would be a happy Prize and a most Laudible ambition to see ye Company officers of each Com^{y} veying with each other in *Discipline and good behaviour.*

As much irregularity in many instances was observed in ye march yesterday, particularly with respect to ye Guards,

Women and Wagons, the General further orders that the following Regulations be observed—

First, that when ye Baggage will accompany ye army & form of ye time of march, No Regt. do allow more than 2 men as a Guard to each Wagon; that these men must be under the care of a Subalt^{n} or Non Commissioned officer as ye Corp^{ls} or Comp^{y} officer of ye Regt may chuse as ye case may require. That each Brigade to furnish a Captn to superintend those and when the Baggage of ye whole move together each Division as aforesaid officers.

Second, that the 2 men assigned to each wagon shall march on ye side, but as far back as ye Fall of each Wagon, that if anything falls out, to be discovered and put it up again. The Subalterans or Non Commissioned officers is to be about the Centre of his Reg^{tl} wagons, ye Capt^{ns} about the same place of those of the Brigade and ye field officer in that of ye Division.

Third, that no woman shall be permitted to ride in any wagon, without leave in writing from their Brigadier to whose Brigade they belong, and ye Brigadiers are requested to be cautious in giving Leave to those who are able to walk. Any woman found in a Wagon contrary to this Regulation is to turn back, and be immediately turned out by ye Qr. Mr. Genl or W. M. G., or any of their Assistants in ye Division or Brigade to which the wagons appertain; as also by any one of the officers who command ye Baggage Guard. If any interruption is given to the Executioner of this Order ye Names & Reg^{t} of the prisoner is to be reported to ye General.

Fourth, None but spare arms & such as belong to Sick & Lame men shall be suffered to go in wagons, as they are almost certain of Receiving some injury; or if any Drummer or Soldier presumes to put his Drum or arms into a wagon, unless under similar circumstances that Soldier or Drummer so offending shall be immediately flogged by ye officer of ye company of ye Baggage Guard of such Wagons.

Fifth. To prevent ye enormous abuse and loss of Kettles by slinging them to the wagons, from which numbers fall, ye General orders that each Mess in turn carries their own

Kettles, as is usual in all Armies, and can be little burdensome. In this the Wagon Master Gen[l] is to be furnished with a Copy of ye Orders of the March, or at least so much of it as pertains to his Department by the Qr. Mr. Gen[l], and in common would do well not to quit the Encampment from where the Army is moving till he sees the Wagons in motion and W. M. assigned to the different Brigades of Wagons. On the march the D. W. Mrs. are, when they have got their wagons on ye move, to see that the heads of each wagon are close to the tail of another & that no stops are made that can be possibly avoided, even to water horses, unless at a general halt. They are not to stir from their Brigade; they are also to prevent Women from getting into wagons, unless by license, as before mentioned; nor are to suffer idle and lazy men to do so, or others without orders from ye officers Commd[g] ye Brigade to which they are annexed, as before mentioned.

In all marches they are to restrain ye Wagoners from destroying fences, grain or grass, unless that appropriated by ye Quarter M. Gen[l] or his Deputy under whom they act, that restitution may be made to the owners. No officer or soldier on any pretence whatever, to impress either horse or wagon, but by ye order of ye Qr. Master Gen[l] or one of his Deputys, or his Brigadier, unless he happens to be on a separate Command, where such application cannot be made and ye Service must suffer without. In this case a Certificate must be given specifying ye Service &c. Any impressment contrary to this mode will bring Officers into a disagreeable situation, and severe punishment to the soldier.

That these Orders may be well known & duly attended to the General directs that every officer & other persons concerned provide themselves with copys of them as the plea of ignorance will be altogether inadmissable.

HEAD QUARTERS July 6 1777.

Major General,—Stirling. Brigadier,—Woodford.
Field Officers, Colonel Stephens and Major Davis.

A Court of Inquiry to sit tomorrow morning at a certain place near the Park of Artillery to inquire into the conduct of the Artillery Officers whose Field pieces were lost in the action of the 26th of June last. The Court is to consist of five members, Colonel Brodhead, president—the Court is appointed at the request of the officers.

The Commander in Chief has observed with concern, notwithstanding the Order of June 1st last, requiring all Officers of Corps not sick or on other duty, to attend the Parade daily at the time of exercise to learn and perform their Duty—yet there is very great neglect—he wishes it to be impressed on the minds of every Officer that nothing may be more hurtful to the Service than the neglect of Discipline, for that Discipline more than numbers gives one Army the superiority of another, he therefore requires in the most possitive manner all Officers to attend Parades and Exercises agreeable to the orders, and the Commanding Officers of Corps put under arrest who fails of an exact observance of them. Whenever Corps and Brigades assemble for Exercise every Officer is to take and keep his proper post; such as have command directing those men only who are under their immediate care and that in such a manner as not to interfere with the orders of the Exercising Officer. Those men who appear to be least acquainted with exercise, are daily when off duty to be sent to the Drill and particular care taken to instruct them and effectually promote Military Discipline in the Army. The Officers must set the example to the close attention to that point, assemblying frequently each Corps by themselves and learning with diligence the Manual Exercise and the most useful manœuvres, together with the Guest Salute, already directed in General Orders. Such a practice cannot fail of producing the best effects and nothing can do the Officers more honour; they will know their own duty and what they have a right to expect from all who are under their command; and the men excited by their example will eagerly embrace every opportunity to improve.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS July 7, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Lincoln; Brigadier, Maxwell.

Field Officers, Colonel Martin Hall, Brig. Major, Witherspoon.

The General expects the strictest attention will be paid to the order of the 20th of last month, for sizeing the men and placing the shortest in the front. Unless this is done the whole fire of the rear rank will most assuredly be lost, especially if the files should happen, as is too often the case, to be crowded together.

The Commander in Chief approves the following sentences of a General Court Martial, held on 6th inst. of which Colonel Walter Stewart was president—Jn° Halfpenny of 10th Virginia Regt., charged with getting drunk, raising a riot, and abusing his Officers. Two evidences appearing before the Court, ordered him to be released from confinement.

It being injurious to the health of the Soldiers, on account of the foulness of the waters, and inconsistent with decency, for them to bathe in the mill pond by Howell's Mill, near the highway leading from Head Quarters to the Court House, that practice is forbidden, and the guard and sentries posted near there are to arrest and confine all offenders. The pay rolls of the several regiments and Corps for the month of June to be made out immediately and lodged with the Paymaster General.

ADVERTISEMENT.

A case of pocket Surgical ware was lost the day the Army marched from Middle Brook to Morristown. The finder of them is desired to return them to the Surgeon of the Second Virginia, and he shall be duly rewarded for his trouble.

A servant boy about ten years old with a leathern cap, Swan skin vest, a drab coloured Coat turned up with blue, Oznabrig trousers, has been missing for some days. His name is Jacob Cook; he is supposed to be lurking about the Camp. It is requested when found he may be sent to Mr. Mackey's in Morristown.

Colonel Morgan's Corps of Riflemen not being annexed to any particular Brigade, are to draw provisions from the Commissary, who may be nearest the place where they may be stationed.

Brigade Orders.

Officers commanding regiments are requested to have all their men fit for duty under arms every morning for exercise in going through their different manœuvres. Particular attention should be paid to their manner of Wheeling and Marching. All wheels should be performed complete and with life, and instead of the short step which the Troops in general practice, they should be taught to throw their feet well before them, which may be done with as much ease and in as good time with the Musick, as the other method is more graceful and gains ground faster.

The Officers should make themselves acquainted with the Salutes as pointed out in General Orders of 16th of June last.

It is strongly recommended to the soldiery of General Weedon's Brigade to have all their hair cut short by trimming it close before thinning and cutting it behind so as to leave it in a short curl or bob; it prevents vermin, keeps their heads cool, and is much more convenient in rainy weather; it is also dressed with ease and looks more soldier-like.

There being a great difference between the Regimental returns of this and last week, has rendered it necessary to give the Brigade Major possitive orders to receive no returns for the differences arising between them, and the former are not particularly accounted for; and as the Adjutant pleads in their excuse that the Officers do not account for any differences arising in their companies returns; ordered that they may expect of no returns from the companies not corresponding with the directions. Detail for Guard.

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Adjutant for the day, Ruth.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS July 8, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Greene; Brigadier, Muhlenberg.

Field Officers Major Weltner and Colonel Lewis; Brig. Major, Swain.

The Court of which Colonel Brodhead was president, appointed to inquire into the conduct of the Artillery Officers, viz. Captain Eustis and his officers, and Captain Archibald, whose pieces were lost the 26th of last month, report that having examined divers officers, whose names they mention, relative thereto, they are of opinion that Captain Huston and his officers behaved with becoming bravery and good conduct during the whole action, and that the loss of the field pieces was unavoidable, they being left in the rear, unsupported; also that Captain Gibbs Jones and the officers under his command behaved with becoming bravery and good conduct during the whole action, and that the loss of the piece commanded by Captain-Lieutenant Archibald was inevitable, it being left in the rear unsupported.

The ground on which part of the Troops are encamped may be less dry and healthy than others in the neighborhood, the Major Generals are desired in such cases to shift the encampments of their Divisions or such parts of them as they shall judge necessary to preserve the health of the Troops. Dewy and foggy mornings may be less favorable to the health of the Soldiers than other parts of the day; commanding Officers of Corps will in such seasons postpone turning out their men 'till the close or other part of the day as they and their Surgeons shall find most expedient.

Canteens, hammocks and other camp essentials must be very beneficial to the Troops, but unless more care may be taken to preserve it will be impracticable to preserve them. The Quarter Master General, therefore, in issuing those articles will charge them to the respective Quarter Masters of Regiments and Corps; these Quarter Masters to the Captains or officer commanding companies, and they to their men, each to account with the other in the order preceding.

Captains and officers commanding companies are every

Saturday to examine the Clothes, Arms, Accoutrements, Ammunition and Camp utensils of their men, that if any are missing and a good account of them cannot be rendered, the person found deficient to be answerable for them.

In vain are orders given and repeated, if after one cursory reading they are thrown aside and neglected—many orders are entered for standing regulations and are of great importance to be known and remembered—the Commander in Chief therefore, in the strongest manner enjoins upon all officers to examine the Orderly Book and frequently review the Standing Orders, and also often cause to be read to the men such as immediately respect them.

A return of tents in each Regiment to be made at four o'clock this day post M. R. to the Quarter Master General such regiments as have not received the horseman's tents to apply to the Quarter Master General.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS July 9, 1777.

Parole—Warwick; Countersign, Warren Warfield.

Major General tomorrow, Stephen; Brigadier, Wayne.

Field Officers, Colonel Hartley, Lieut. Colonel Febiger, Brig. Major, Ryan.

In General Orders of 1st inst. returns of the sick in Camp to be signed by the Surgeons of each Regiment were directed to be made every Tuesday and Friday at 9 oclock A.M., to the Surgeon General of the Army, which have not been done, nor have returns of other kinds been regularly made when demanded—such neglects are highly prejudicial to the service. All persons are therefore enjoined to make due returns in future, and who fails may depend on being arrested.

The guards who are relieved daily are to send a Sergeant or Corporal to the Grand Parade at 8 o'clock in the morning to conduct the new Guard to their Posts.

GENERAL AFTER ORDERS July 9, 1777.

A General Court Martial to sit tomorrow at the usual place at 9 o'clock for the trial of such prisoners as shall be

brought before it. Colonel Chambers is appointed president of the Court.

HEAD QUARTERS, MORRISTOWN, July 10, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Lord Stirling; Brigadier, Weedon; Brig. Major, Perry.

Every Brigade which has not furnished its quota of Pioneers to the Qr. Mr. General is to do it immediately and have them sent to his quarters. General Wayne's brigade to furnish 10 men, and General deHaes 10 men, such as are fit for the purpose.

The tents of the whole Army are to be struck at gun firing tomorrow morning and packed up ready for marching with the utmost speed. The line of march to begin afterwards as soon as possible. All Baggage Wagons, those with tents excepted, are to move this afternoon towards Bonamtown, to a place appointed by General Mifflin, guards for which are to be supplied in the following manner, viz. each Brigade to furnish 1 Captain, 2 Sub[1] and 30 men; each Division a field officer, that from General Greene's to be Colonel Commandant. The women are to march with the baggage. Two days provisions to be cooked and ready this afternoon; canteens to be filled with water before the march begins, as no soldier will be allowed to quit the ranks on that account. The three pickets, viz. on the Pompton, Chatham and Middle Brook roads will quit their posts at gun fire tomorrow morning and join their respective Corps without delay. All other guards will attend to their duty in their several departments, where they are placed until relieved, moving with their charges respectively.

BRIGADE ORDERS, MORRISTOWN July 10, 1777.

The sick of each Regiment to be sent to the Hospital tomorrow morning and every necessary preparation made to march tomorrow morning at the alloted time; 1 subaltern officer to be left behind to superintend the sick of their regiments, whose business it will be to bring up as

soon as they are able to march and to see that they do not suffer while in the Hospital. Two women of each Regiment to remain with the sick respective Corps as Nurses.

Adjutant for tomorrow, Overton.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, July 11, 1777.

The Quartermaster to draw three days provisions and the Captains to see that their men immediately dress the same, as there is a prospect of marching in the morning. Those guns which want repairing must go immediately to the Qr. Mr., having an order to get them put in repair.

The men are to be warned for guard in the evening and they are not to turn out in the morning to exercise, but to take care to have their guns in order, themselves well shaved and powdered, otherwise they must be severely punished.

WALTER STEWART, *Colonel.*

HEAD QUARTERS POMPTON PLAINS, July 11, 1777.

The Army to pitch their tents tonight and tomorrow morning at the gun firing, if the weather is good, to stretch them and prepare everything with the greatest dispatch for a march. If it should rain, the tents standing to remain, unless particular orders are given to the contrary. No kind of baggage to be taken out of the wagons besides the tents. Immediately after firing the morning gun the General to be beaten through the Line instead of the Reveille. Two field pieces firing from the Park of Artillery to be the signal for marching; the same order of march to be in force.

Tomorrow each Division will station necessary guards about their encampments—the separate column of baggage to march under direction.

HEAD QUARTERS POMPTON PLAINS, July 12, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Stephen; Brigadier, Scott; Field Officers, Scott; Lieut. Colonel Nelson; Brig. Major, Johnston.

As the foul weather prevents the marching of the troops

today, they are to draw two days provisions and cook them immediately.

Complaints have been made to the Commander in Chief that some soldiers have pulled down the fences to burn and lay open the fields of the inhabitants, he enjoins it upon the officers to use the utmost watchfulness and care to prevent this prejudice, and whoever is found guilty of it shall be severely punished. The same orders that were given last evening are to determine and regulate the march tomorrow.

After Orders.

The morning gun will not be fired tomorrow morning. As usual the tents are not to be struck 'till dry. The firing of one field piece to be the signal to march, strike tents and prepare to march; two field pieces fired, to begin the march. When the Army marches the Deputy Qr. Mr. Grl. and his assistant from each Division are to go forward, the Qr. Mr. Genl. to lay out the ground for encampment.

Head Quarters Pompton Plains, July 13, 1777.

Major General for tomorrow, Stirling; Brigadier, Conway.

Field Officers, Colonel Spotswood and Major Williams.

Brigade Major, Tarling.

The Commander in Chief approves the following sentences of a General Court Martial held the 7th, 8th, and 9th inst., and orders that they be put in execution forthwith. Lieut. Comans of the 1st Virginia Regm't. charged with messing with the common soldiers and speaking disrespectful words of the commanding officer of the Regiment, and with carrying a soldier belonging to the 1st Regt. away—The Court having no evidence to prove the charge of speaking disrespectful words of the commanding officer of the Regt, cannot determine he is or is not guilty of that charge—they are of opinion considering the peculiar circumstances of the matter as to the messing with the common soldiers, related by the prisoner, and having no evidence to prove it—he should be reprimanded by the commanding officer of the

Reg^{t} to which he belongs, at the head of such Reg^{t}. The Court do excuse the prisoner for taking away a soldier from his Reg^{t}, considering the bad state of health he was in. Jno. Walker a Sergeant in Captain Jno. Steel's Independent Company charged with absenting himself twelve days from his company without leave plead guilty, but he was returning to his company when taken up. Sentenced to be reprimanded at the head of his company and one months pay to be stopped from him. Anthony Asket, charged with the same crime as Walker, belonging to Capt Steel's Independent Company as above. Jno. Grant of the 14th Virginia Reg^{t} charged with sleeping on his post, plead guilty. Sentenced to receive 25 lashes on his back, but it appearing in evidence that he was a good, orderly, well behaved soldier, and was probably unwell when he was a sentry, the Commander in Chief remits his punishment. Lieut. Samuel Smith of the 8th Penna. Regt. charged with ungenteel behaviour in the Regt. and disobedience of orders, not attending the Parade as constantly at morning times as he ought to have done, and sentenced to be severely reprimanded in General Orders, the Commander in Chief is extremely sorry that an officer of whom it is testified that in posts of danger he behaved with prudence and spirit, should be guilty of neglect of discipline which is so essential to form the good soldier. Neglect contrary to orders highly injurious to the service and disgraceful to the subject of it —Neglect for which neither prudence nor bravery can compensate it, which if persisted in will be an effectual bar to promotion.

Jno. Dougherty, of the Artillery, charged with stabbing Lieut. Carrington of the 7th Virginia Reg^{t}—the Court having considered the charge and evidence, are of the opinion that the prisoner is guilty of the charge, and are likewise of the opinion that if the prisoner is guilty of the charge against him, he was justifiable in doing it as he acted in the way of his duty.

As the weather was bad and the ground wet, the general orders a gill of Rum to be issued to each man immediately—

From intelligence lately received the General informs the Army that it is possible the next move of the Army may be towards the Delaware, but desires that no steps may be taken towards it 'till further orders.

Thomas Frederick Esq. was on the 1st inst. appointed Brigade Major to Brigadier Glover—to be respected and obeyed as such.

Roger Alden Esq. is appointed Brigade Major to Brig. General Huntington, to be respected and obeyed as such.

HEAD QUARTERS, July 14, 1777.

Major General for tomorrow, Greene; Brigadier, Maxwell.

Field Officers Colonel Matthews, Major [torn], Brig. Major, Witherspoon.

Each Major General will order the Guard necessary for the security of his Division. The Quarter Master General with his Deputies will mark out the ground for the Encampment of each Division tomorrow, as the Army will arrive at its ground early in the day. As soon as the men are settled in their quarters, the officers are to critically inspect their arms and accoutrements, and have them put in the best order possible. The Commander in Chief was surprised this day to see the bad condition of many arms, they being not only unfit for fire, but very rusty, which latter is in the power of every man to prevent, and the neglect of it must arise from an inexcusable inattention of the orders.

The tents are to be struck tomorrow morning at gun fire, which will be at the usual time, and the whole Army to get ready to march at 5 o'clock. One field piece is to be fired and then the march is to begin, and as the baggage of each Brigade will join its Brigade tonight, it is to follow close after it tomorrow. The whole Army to march from the left in half platoons, the Brigades following each other in order observed this day, saving that the baggage, as before directed, will immediately follow the Brigade it belongs to. As the distance is not great, no part of the Army is to halt 'till it arrives at the ground of encamping. If it should

rain tomorrow morning the Army is to remain in the present encampment. On a march, neither officers or soldiers are to pay a salute or pull off his hat to the Commander in Chief or any other officer passing by.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS, THE CLOVE, July 15, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Stephen; Brigadier, Muhlenberg.

Field Officers, Col. Lawson, Major Murray, and Brigade Major, Swain.

It was yesterday directed in General Orders that neither officers or soldiers should pay a salute or pull off their hats to the Commander in Chief or other officers passing by, and the total disregard of this order is a proof of how little pains officers take to acquaint either themselves or men with the Orders of the Day. Other orders issued this instant respecting the march of the Army are also neglected in instances which came directly under the observation of the Commander in Chief, which cannot be presumed to arise from any other cause than ignorance of these orders. For the future, therefore, all officers are each day to make themselves acquainted with the orders of it, and with respect to the orders of 14th inst., the Commander in Chief directs that the Brigadiers do as soon as possible call together all the officers commanding Corps in their respective Brigades and read to them those orders; and the commanding officers of Corps are likewise required to assemble all the officers in their respective Corps, and read to them the same orders, and all who are not already provided are forthwith to furnish themselves with copies of them and still more effectually to execute those orders.

Each Brigade is to appoint a field officer to attend his Brigade and particularly of the wagons belonging to it, whose business it shall be to ride backwards and forwards along the line to see the march conducted with propriety and agreeable to orders. Advantages to be taken of the present halt to get the horses shod and the wagons repaired; —no delay is to be made in this matter, as it is very uncer-

tain how soon the Army may move. Again and for the same reason, all officers and soldiers are to keep near their quarters, and on no pretence to ramble about the country without leave—officers from their Brigadiers, soldiers from their Colonels or officers commanding their Regiments. All wagons are to join their respective Brigades, and get proper orders for marching, and when the Army moves again the officers and Wagon Masters are to see that they are more equally loaded than they have been; and when any men fall sick on the march, they are not to be put in the heavily loaded baggage wagons, but left to be taken up by the empty wagons which follow in the rear for that end.

The commanding officers of Corps are immediately to make returns to the Adjutant General of the clothing most wanted in their respective Corps. As the quantity of clothing to be distributed is not great, the Commander in Chief most earnestly desires that officers will make returns for no more than is indispensably necessary for them.

Each Brigade to furnish men for cutting wood, to parade tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock in front of Tavern.

D. O. The Brigades in Gen. Greene's division are to furnish by daily relay 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal, 12 privates as guard for the General's baggage, and this guard is expected when circumstances will admit of it, to be regularly returned, for a neglect of which no excuse will or can be admitted.

HEAD QUARTERS, July 15, 1777.

After Orders. The Commander in Chief expects that all officers will make it their business to see that the Orders issued respecting the destruction of property of the inhabitants are particularly attended to at all times.

HEAD QUARTERS, July 16, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Stirling, Brigadier Wayne.

Field Officers, Colonel Spencer, Lieut. Col. Parker of Gen. Weedon's Brigade, and Brig. Major, Ryan.

The General Court Martial whereof Col. Chambers was president is dissolved.

A General Court Martial is to sit at 10 o'clock this forenoon near Gen. Maxwell's quarters for the trial of such prisoners as are brought before it. Col. Shreeve is appointed president of the Court.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS, CLOVE, July 17, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Greene; Brigadier Weedon.

Field Officers Lieut. Col. Willis, Major Hay, Brig. Major, Piers.

Some disputes having arisen between Col. Hamilton and Col. Johnston respecting seniority, the General Officers are to meet at some place to be appointed by Major Gen. Greene, at 5 o'clock this afternoon, and after hearing the pretensions of both these officers and enquiring minutely into the matter, to report the case and their opinions thereon to the Commander in Chief. The frequent discharging of pieces, in order to clean them and keep them in order, occasions the waste of ammunition—the General orders in very pointed and positive terms, that no musket shall be loaded with cartridges until we are close to the enemy and there is a moral certainty of engaging them. The Quarter Master of each Regiment is to draw a small quantity of powder, ball and wadding to furnish the Guards from his Regiment, who are to load with loose Powder and running ball when they mount guard, and this the officers of those guards are invariably to have drawn and return to the Regimental Quarter Master before their dismission from the parade, after being relieved. The practice of this kind particularly adhered to will not only be a great saving of ammunition, but the means of preserving the arms, for nothing is so hurtful to the barrel as lying loaded, especially in damp weather.

About 80 tents have arrived in Camp and such as are destitute of them may now be supplied therewith. But previous to the delivery of them, returns must be made from the Quarter Masters of each Brigade of the number of men in each Corps belonging to the Brigade and the number of Tents now in their possession.

The Adjutant General in issuing orders for the delivery

of clothes is to compare the returns made to the commanding officers of Corps of their wants with their Clothiers accounts, as far as he can come at them, and see to the utmost of their power that equal justice be done in the distribution of them.

ADVERTISEMENT.

Found a Red Morocco Leather Case containing Colonel Hartshorn's Commission and sundry other papers. The owner may have it by applying to Captain Sergeant at the Park of Artillery.

Tomorrow at Troop beating, the Quarter Master General is to have the road through the Clove to New Windsor reconnoitred and all proper places for halting and encamping, with the distances from hence noted, and reported to the Commander in Chief, and to do the like on the road to King's Ferry. A field officer, two captains, 4 sergeants and 100 rank and file to be paraded at daylight tomorrow morning on the Grand Parade, with two days provision in a light wagon. The commanding officer will receive his orders from the Adjutant General.

A subaltern and 12 light horse will parade at the same time and apply to the Adjutant General for orders.

Doctor Cochran is to inspect the state of the sick and their condition, and will give such orders respecting them as shall appear proper.

Each Brigade to furnish a good Blacksmith to parade tomorrow at 10 o'clock before Lord Stirling's quarters at Suffern's Tavern.

The Quarter Masters of those Regiments for clothing returns have been made, and to apply to the Deputy Clothier General tomorrow at Baldon's mills, about a mile from Head Quarters, on the road to Pompton. The detachment to be commanded by Major Miches.

HEAD QUARTERS, THE CLOVE, July 18, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Stephen; Brigadier, Woodford.

Field Officers, Lieut. Col. Farmer, Major North, and Brig. Major, Day.

The Commander in Chief approves the following sentences of a General Court Martial held 16 inst., whereof Col. Shreeve was president, and orders that there be no delay in putting them into execution. Levi Springer of the 4th North Carolina B. T. in Capt. Nelson's company, charged with desertion from the 4th Regiment and enlisting with Capt. Sims of the 10 Regiment—found guilty and sentenced to 50 lashes on his bare back, and to serve out his time with Capt. Nelson, and the bounty he received from Capt. Sims be returned to him.

Joshua Hunter of the 1st Virginia Regiment, charged with desertion, found guilty and sentenced to receive 50 lashes on his bare back.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, July 18, 1777.

A Regimental Court Martial will sit this morning.

The Officers in the future will when manœuvring pay greater attention to the beats of the drum, and take care that their men do the same. When they are to face to the right, the drum will beat one stroke and a flam; to the left, two strokes and a flam, the right about three strokes and a flam, and the left about four strokes and a flam.

The Regiment is to be paraded every morning at 6 o'clock, and in the evening to manœuvre till further orders.

WALTER STEWART, *Colonel.*

HEAD QUARTERS July 21, 1777.

Major General, Thompson; Brigadier General, Muhlenberg. Brigade Major, Green.

The Wagon Masters are to see that their horses feed as much with grass this day and save what grain they have and Dry Forage. The Wagoners to stay by their wagons and horses to prevent their doing any damage to the corn, flax &c. If such things are damaged by their negligence they will be severely punished. The Quarter Master General is immediately to inspect the oats and take the most effectual measures to prevent their taking any damage. Everything is to be in readiness to march tomorrow morning. The

General is informed that some of the Troops are without provisions—they are to draw them today for tomorrow.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, July 21, 1777.

The Adjutant is to make an immediate return of the Officers present belonging to the Regiment, and a list of those absent, where stationed and on what duty.

It is His Excellency's pleasure that Mr. Thomas Jones formerly a Lieutenant in this Regiment immediately withdraw from Camp, and that he does not in the future look upon himself as an officer belonging to the United States, unless he receives a new commission therefor.

It is my express orders for the future, no Camp kettles are carried in the wagons, and the officers who break through this order may depend upon being taken notice of in a very severe manner. The Officers for the future will take notice that no man must be allowed [torn] on a march to be out of the ranks, except the Field Officers and Captain's waiters, and they must turn out every afternoon at roll call the same as the rest. Only two waiters are allowed to each company.

WALTER STEWART, *Col.*

HEAD QUARTERS, THE CLOVE, July 23, 1777.

Major General . . . Brig. General . . .

Field Officers, Lieut. Col. Parker; Brig. Major, Pierce.

The march of the Army, whenever it begins, will be made with the utmost despatch; this renders it indispensably necessary to divest it of as much baggage as possible. Each Brigadier, therefore, immediately to cause certain wagons to be prepared for the tents of his Brigade, and when orders are given to march, they are to suffer nothing to be put in those wagons but the tents, and see that they are not heavy laden even with them. And the more to facilitate the march of the Army, the Commissaries are to leave no means untried to procure a supply of hard Bread to be reserved for the march. And when the Army moves they are to go forward and get the provision ready to be delivered the moment the Army halts. The Quarter Master

General will have ready a proper number of empty wagons to follow each Brigade to take up the sick and lame. The rest of the baggage is to be left under the care of small guards, to follow on after the Army accompanied by the women, none of whom are to be suffered to go with the Troops. The Army is to be put and kept in readiness to march on the shortest notice.

RAMAPO, July 24, 1777.

D. O. There are great complaints of the horses of my Division being turned into the inhabitants' meadows without any orders for so doing by the Quarter Master General or any of his deputies, and that the horses are beating down the grass to the injury of the owners of the plantations. All the Artillery horses are to be immediately taken out of the meadows and grass cut for the cattle. The officers are also desired to take their horses out of the meadows, if they have any out. The Brigadiers are desired to see this order immediately executed, as the complaint comes through His Excellency.

The commanding officers of Regiments in my Division are desired to have vaults dug as soon as possible after encamping, and the Soldiers are strictly forbid going into the fields of grain adjoining the road to do . . . , a stench arises from such places extremely offensive to the Camp and the passengers on those roads. This is to be a Standing Order and to be observed accordingly.

NATHANAEL GREENE, *Major General.*

NEAR CORYELL'S FERRY, July 28, 1777.

Brigade Orders.—The Brigade is to march tomorrow morning at four o'clock. If it should not rain at that time the General to beat at half after three; the Assembly at half an hour after, and the whole to march off in foot march today exactly at the time before mentioned. To prevent any confusion as to the men forming in their Regiments there is no drum to beat but those before mentioned. All the troops will follow on the beating of the Assembly.

CAMP CORYELL'S FERRY, July 29, 1777.

General Orders.—The troops are to put their arms in the best order the nature or situation will admit, and to be ready to march at short notice; to be provided with two days' provisions; such as choose hard bread instead of flour may be furnished by an order of the Commissary for that purpose, who is directed to issue out Salt provisions this drawing and to order up peas for the use of the Brigades. The Regimental Quarter Masters are to see that all men are furnished with clean dry straw for their troops. . . .

G. O. CAMP NEAR CORYELL'S FERRY, July 29, 1777.

The Commander in Chief has reason to believe that it has been owing to the carelessness and inattention of the Wagon Masters in not seeing that the horses are properly fed and managed that such great numbers have foundered and died—they may be dismissed from the service for this neglect of duty, and also merely contenting themselves with directing the wagons.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, July 30, 1777.

As we have now a good opportunity for washing the dirty clothes belonging to the Regiment, the Colonel expects no time will be lost in doing the same, as an examination of the arms and men will be made with great strictness tomorrow morning at Troop Beating.

The Regiment is to be paraded this afternoon at 5 o'clock to attend Divine service.

The men will be careful not [torn] the heat of the day, as it is productive of Fever and Ague, but defer it until Sundown.

WALTER STEWART, *Colonel.*

D. O. July 30, 1777.

The commanding Officers of Regiments in General Muhlenberg's and Weedon's Brigades are immediately to examine into the state of their men's arms and ammunition, and have those who are deficient in the latter supplied without delay—the arms to be clean and in good order. It is

expected that particular attention will be paid to these orders.

D. O. July 31, 1777.

Assembly to beat at half after five in the morning—to march exactly at 6 o'clock. Before the march begins the Baggage Guard to parade as small as possible and those that are appointed for that duty must be such soldiers as are unfit for service. Such soldiers as are incapable of marching in the line are to be left under the care of a subaltern officer of the Regiment to which they belong. A Field Officer to be appointed for each Brigade to take charge of the whole. All the invalids to march in the rear of the baggage of the whole Division. Col. Abbot is directed to furnish wagons to take up such as fall sick upon the road. The troops in the line are to march in good order by platoons and none allowed to straggle. The invalids are also to be kept together and march by files. The order of march as heretofore will take the route to Germantown.

B. O. The officers of Gen. Weedon's Brigade are particularly directed when posted in the different platoons, except in cases of the utmost necessity not to leave them or suffer any soldier to do it.

Lieut. Col. Buford Field Officer for the day; and Field Officer of the day, for tomorrow, Lieut. Col. Kendrick.

Regimental Orders, Cross Roads, August 1, 1777.

It is extremely disagreeable for the Colonel to refuse those Officers who desire to absent themselves from the Regiment —he must therefore inform them he has received positive orders not to permit it, and requests that they will not put him to the trouble of refusing them.

The Officers will be very careful not to leave their positions, as they must be confident the soldiers will follow their example, which is attended with the most disagreeable circumstances to the inhabitants.

Walter Stewart, *Colonel.*

HEAD QUARTERS, August 1, 1777.

By Express from His Excellency received a few hours past, the General is directed to acquaint the officers and soldiers that they are not to go into the City of Philadelphia without a permit from a General Officer. Any officer that disobeys will be arrested, and any soldier that attempts to go without leave will be severely punished. All the General Officers are requested not to grant permission to any person unless it be to execute business of real necessity. The commanding officers of Regiments are directed to make out returns immediately of the arms out of repair in their Regiments and the number wanted to furnish every man fit for duty. The arms in each Regiment in want of repair, to be cleaned and put in the best order for action. None of the arms of the guards to be loaded until further orders. All the arms that are loaded in each Regiment to be drawn at some proper place under the direction of the commanding officer of the Regiment or one of the Field Officers, and discharged all at once, and the General desires the officers of each company to see that the men do not load for the sake of firing, such a wanton waste of ammunition cannot be justified.

The Quarter Masters of each Regiment are directed to see that the men are provided with wood for cooking—the Quarter Master General of each Brigade will direct the Regimental Quarter Masters where to cut wood—no fences are to be burned on any account. All the officers of every rank are to protect the inhabitants from personal insults and their property from being plundered.

Field Officer for tomorrow for the Brigade, Major Nichols; Adjutant for the Day, Fowke.

HEAD QUARTERS, GERMANTOWN, August 2, 1777.

Major General Greene orders the troops to be immediately furnished with two days' provisions and hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning. The tents to be immediately separated from all other baggage—no officer or soldier to be absent from camp on any account,

and the General expects particular attention will be paid to these orders.

The returns called for in yesterday's orders to be made forthwith. The commanding officers of each Regiment to appoint an officer to prepare such clothing as the men are in want of without delay.

NATHANAEL GREENE,
Major General.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, August 4, 1777.

The Captains are to make out a return of the guns in their different companies, that application be made to the General for them. The Officers will be careful to examine the arms of the men every day when they come on the parade and see that they keep them in exceeding good order.

WALTER STEWART, *Colonel.*

HEAD QUARTERS, ROXBOROUGH, August 4, 1777.

In the present marching state of the Army every encumbrance proves greatly prejudicial to the service, the multitude of women in particular, especially those who are pregnant or have children are a clog upon every movement. The Commander in Chief therefore, earnestly recommends it to the officers commanding Brigades and Corps to use every reasonable method in their power to get rid of all such as are not absolutely necessary, and the admission or continuance of any who shall or may have come to the Army since its arrival in Pennsylvania is positively forbidden—to which point the officers will give particular attention.

Pay Rolls for the month of July are to be made out immediately and lodged with the Paymaster General for examination. The officers commanding Corps will be answerable for the execution of this order.

A General Court Martial will sit tomorrow at 9 o'clock in the morning near Judge Laurens's Quarters by Schuylkill Falls, for the trial of all such prisoners as shall be

brought before them. Col. James Wood is appointed President of this Court.

The Regimental Surgeons are to send all their sick to the General Hospital in Philadelphia.

CAMP AT GERMANTOWN, August 5, 1777.

B. O. Officers commanding companies to have their Muster Rolls ready by tomorrow morning when the Muster Master is to attend to muster the men. A return of arms and accoutrements wanting to complete each Regiment, to be given to the Major of Brigade as soon as possible.

The Troops are not allowed to cut down any wood in the front of the Camp—The Regimental Quarter Masters to see that wood is brought for their men to cook with.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, August 6, 1777.

The Camp Color men immediately to throw one foot of dirt into the vaults, and to take care that the same is performed every day, and if any man attempt to . . . in any place about the Camp except at these vaults, on being caught, he will receive immediately twenty lashes.

The Drum Major is to take care of the Drum practice, at least four hours each day, and the Fife Major to observe the same.

The Regiment during our stay here to parade morning and evening at 5 o'clock for exercise.

WALTER STEWART, *Colonel.*

D. O. GERMANTOWN, August 6, 1777.

A Fatigue Party to be immediately appointed from Gen. Muhlenberg and Gen. Weedon's Brigades, to consist of one Captain, one Subaltern, two Sergeants, two Corporals and forty privates from each Brigade, to be employed in burying all the filth in and around the Encampment. All the Camp Color men in each Brigade to be immediately set to work in filling up the old vaults, and digging new ones. All the filth around the environs . . . to be taken up and buried. The

commanding officer of the Fatigue Party is desired to be very faithful in cleaning the Camp. There is such a stench arises from every side of it now as to threaten the passers by with an immediate pestilence.

Gen. Muhlenberg and Gen. Weedon are desired to appoint an officer from each Brigade to examine such provisions as officers refuse to take, that justice may be done to the Continent and to the Soldiers; the names of the persons to be sent to the Commissaries of the Division and inserted in the Brigade Orders, that the officers may know who to apply to when any dispute happens. The General desires the troops may be exercised twice a day, morning and evening, during their stay here.

N. Greene, *Major General.*

B. O. August 6, 1777.

Lieut. Stubblefield of the Sixth Regiment is appointed to inspect the quality of such provisions as may be refused by any regiment in Gen. Weedon's Brigade. The Quarter Master of said regiment is directed to inform the Division and Brigade Commissary of it, to prevent the great irregularity in [torn] the necessary duties of the camp. The Drummers of each Regiment are to meet at the hours appointed for the troop, retreat and tattoo, in those Brigades from which they are struck off, moving to the right and left of the Brigade and then returning to the centre, where they are to dismiss. The Drum and Fife Majors are to take the command of the whole Brigade, by a daily rotation, beginning with those on the right of the line. It being highly improper for any drums to beat after Retreat, that practice is positively forbid. Should any Regiment happen to be exercising after that time, they are to march by the fife only.

Officers commanding the Regiments in the Second Brigade are desired to consider it as a Standing Rule, that whenever the Brigade is to encamp for a longer time than one night the Camp Color men are detailed for the care of the vaults of the encampment, and any soldier who may be

found throwing any meat or . . . elsewhere than in those places, is to be immediately punished.

It is with concern the General observes that so little attention is paid to the General Orders issued at Morristown the 6th July, respecting that part of them which particularly relates to soldiers, being read to them. If a soldier is caught destroying the property of the inhabitants he immediately excuses himself by declaring he did not know it was forbidden. As it would give him the utmost pleasure to see the strict observance of duty, and orders from the Line of every officer's conduct in his Brigade—he earnestly requests and recommends to them a particular attention to these points.

HEAD QUARTERS NEAR GERMANTOWN, August 6, 1777.

A Board of General Officers consisting of the Major and Brigadier Generals in Camp is to sit tomorrow at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at General Stephen's Quarters, at Dr. Smith's house near Schuylkill Falls, to make inquiry why the Pay Abstracts are not regularly made out and lodged with the Paymaster General according to orders. The Pay Abstracts of every Regiment and Corps in the army for the month of July, and any time preceding that month, for which they have not been made out, are to be delivered to the Paymaster General by Monday next. The officers commanding Regiments and Corps will be answerable for the execution of this order; and every officer who does not deliver in his Abstracts punctually by the time assigned, may depend on being arrested and tried for disobedience of orders. Unless there are reasons which may render it impracticable to any to make out and deliver their Abstracts, by that time—in that case they are to appear tomorrow and lay those reasons before the above mentioned Board of General Officers—if they do not, it will be taken for granted that no such reasons exist.

J. Ward Esq., Commissary General of Musters, will attend the same Board to assign the reasons why the Regiments and Corps of the Army have not been now generally

mustered. The Regimental Paymasters are immediately to apply for warrants to receive pay for the several Corps for the month of June.

As the time is uncertain when the army will march—it may be very soon and sudden—all officers and soldiers are to keep near their quarters; and such officers as had leave to go to Philadelphia are to return, and none are permitted to go thither but upon real necessity business, which being finished they are immediately to rejoin their respective Corps.

When the army moves it will be possibly necessary that it march with the utmost celerity; the tents therefore, agreeably to former orders are to be lodged in the wagons by themselves and in such manner that they may without difficulty keep up with the troops—for the same reason the officers will take with them only a few articles of clothing, such as shall be indispensable, leaving the bulk of their baggage to be brought after them, and in order to facilitate the march the Quarter Master General is to provide so many wagons as shall be necessary to carry the men's packs, but those packs are not to be suffered to be loaded with useless trumpery—as from the sizes of many of them there is great reason to suppose is now the case, and the officers are to see that they are not, for which purpose the Commander in Chief most earnestly desires and expects that the officers particularly inspect the packs of their men, and select only such articles as are necessary and useful—all the rest, each man's being rolled by itself, is to be collected by the Quarter Masters of regiments and by them deposited in proper places, to be provided by the Quarter Master General.

Pursuant to the Resolve of Congress of July 16th last, the officers commanding Regiments and Corps are directed that in case they have any Sergeants, Corporals, Drummers or Private Men deemed incapable of doing field duty, such men should be examined by the Doctor General of the Hospital or some other physician or surgeon, and if judged fit for garrison duty they are not to be discharged, but trans-

ferred to the Invalid Corps and sent to Philadelphia as soon as possible. Men having only one leg or one arm each, if otherwise capable of doing garrison duty, are to be deemed proper recruits for this Corps.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS, August 7, 1777.

The Wagoners with the heavy baggage of all the Brigades are immediately to proceed to Coryell's Ferry and cross, and wait on the other side for further orders. Each Brigade is to send a small guard with their own wagons under proper officers—the whole to be under the command of a Field Officer.

The wagons are to move in the following order—those of Lord Stirling's Division first, General Lincoln and General Stephen's next; General Greene's last. The Boats are also to move at the same time. The Forage Master General will take care that forage is provided for the horses on the march and at the Ferry.

The troops of the whole line are to be in readiness to be reviewed tomorrow morning at 5 o'clock, when it is expected that every officer and soldier not on other duty and able will attend. The troops are to be drawn up on their respective Brigade parades.

It is expected that the Wagoners and wagon teams which will remain in camp, will all be in their proper places, that an inspection may be had into their condition—this the Wagon Master General will comply with.

BRIGADE ORDERS.

The usual guards, viz. two men to a wagon from each Regiment to attend their Brigade, Colonel Stewart to furnish one Captain, and Colonel Stephens a Subaltern, to take care of the whole baggage of the Brigade.

G. O. ROXBOROUGH, August 7, 1777.

At a General Court Martial held the 18th and 19th days of July last the following soldiers were tried and acquited: William Foster and Adam Brooker of the 10th

Virginia Regiment. At the same Court Martial the following soldiers were tried for various crimes and found guilty: James McAllister, James Scott, Daniel McCay, James Montgomery, and John Montgomery of Colonel Stewart's regiment, and many more of different Brigades. The Commander in Chief, grieved at the number of offenders, but ever desirous of showing Mercy, where it is not incompatible with the publick good, and hoping that his clemency will, hereafter, have a happy tendency to reclaim the guilty, is pleased to grant a general pardon, and the offenders convicted as aforesaid are declared hereby to be pardoned.

The following sentences of the same Court are approved by the Commander in Chief: Captain Tresbach of Colonel Armand's Corps charged *first*, with absenting himself without leave; *second*, when being ordered to join his Corps, when under arms, answered he had time enough and declined doing it; *third*, when being put under arrest made use of bad language and treated his Colonel in a manner unbecoming an officer; *fourth*, when the Corps was ordered to march to Amboy he uttered discontents loudly before the soldiers and wanted to know why they were returning to Amboy. Acquited of the first charge, but found guilty of all the other charges, and sentenced to be reprimanded in General Orders, and to ask pardon of Colonel Armand in the presence of the officers of his Corps. The Commander in Chief wishes all officers to be impressed with this truth, that nothing is more essential than subordination and ready obedience to the commands of superior officers, and that it is this which gives life and vigor to an army; that the contrary conduct must clog and impede every movement and excite a spirit of discontent, disobedience and licenciousness amongst the troops; that in this view Captain Tresbach's conduct must be deemed highly criminal and of a dangerous tendency.

Captain Berry, Lieut. Myres, and Ensign Westfall, of the 9th Virginia Regiment; Captain Brant, and Lieut. Smith, of the 4th Virginia Regiment, charged severally

with neglect of duty, in not having their men's arms in good order and with disobedience of orders relating thereto, found guilty.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, August 7, 1777.

As a General Review is ordered tomorrow morning at 5 o'clock, Colonel Stewart flatters himself his Regiment will acquit themselves with honor to him and pleasure to the General. In order to do this the officers and men must appear clean and decent upon the parade, and he desires each Captain and officers commanding companies to see that all the men fit for duty are turned out on the parade at that hour. We are known to be a strong regiment, and likewise known to have been long in the service, it is therefore, incumbent on the officers to pay particular attention for their own sakes, as well as the Colonel's, to this order.

As the men will be paid off this afternoon, the officers will be careful that no quarrels take place between my men and the Virginians who are Brigaded with them. Any man attempting such a thing will be severely punished. We are all brother soldiers in the service, and it is our duty to support each other, not to quarrel among ourselves—they are soldiers who will support us in action, and it is horrid that intestine quarrels should arise between Pennsylvania and them.

As the men are to be paid off this afternoon they are excused from turning out until Retreat beating.

WALTER STEWART, *Colonel.*

ORDERS OF REVIEW.

The men are to parade on the open ground on the left of the Encampment, to front as the tents are now pitched, the Captains and subalterns to dress in a line from right to left, four paces in front of the men; the Colonel on foot advanced six paces in front of the officers; the Lieut. Colonel three paces in the rear of the Colonel and the Majors only on horseback in a line with the Lieut. Colonel.

When the General comes in front of the Brigade the

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Exercising Officer will give a signal for salutes by dropping his sword, at which time the Drums are to beat, and the Officers as the General passes along towards the right to salute in the manner directed by His Excellency the 16th of June, viz. the Captains and subalterns standing with their Fusees over their left arms, are to bring them to an order and take off their hats, carefully bring their arms down close to their left until the General passes, when they return to their former position. The Field Officers are to salute by dropping the points of their swords, which are to be drawn. All the officers and soldiers are to face as the General goes round the flanks of the Brigades, and when he comes again in the centre of the front, a General Salute is to be performed by a signal as before. The Artillery to be upon the right and left of the Brigades, and the officers to salute in the same manner with the Captains and subalterns of the regiments in the Brigade.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, August 8, 1777.

The Sergeants of the different companies will take care in the future to assemble their men in the different streets, and the Captains or officers commanding companies will see that their men are all present or be able to account for them when demanded on the regimental parade.

A Regimental Court Martial to sit tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock to try such prisoners as are in the Guardhouse.

WALTER STEWART, *Colonel.*

HEAD QUARTERS ROXBOROUGH, August 9, 1777.

The Army is to move slowly to Coryell's Ferry and cross the river, the march to begin tomorrow morning, as soon as possible, if it should not rain. All absent officers not upon actual duty to be ordered to join their respective Corps immediately. The commanding officers of Regiments to give in the names of all such absentees to his Brigadier or officer commanding the Brigade, who is to lose no time in issuing his orders for this purpose. All possible

pains are to be taken to get the men of each Regiment to it. The Wagon Master General and all those acting in the Department under him are to govern themselves agreeable to the Rules and Regulations of the Army conformable to all General Orders, Division and Brigade orders, in the Divisions and Brigades to which they belong, and those attached to Brigades to be subject to the verbal orders of the field officers of the Brigade appointed to the charge and direction of the line of march for the day. For every offence they are to be confined to their Quarters and tried by such Court Martials as shall be appointed to hear and determine the same. If any officer in the Department, either on march or in Camp, shall neglect his Duty, complaint is to be made to the Field Officer superintending the line of march for the day or to the Brigadier or Major General of the Brigade or Division, either of whom may order the person to confine himself to his Quarters as above. This provision being made to keep the Wagon Masters to their duty, every officer is positively forbidden to put any of them under guard or in the Provost, and their doing it will assuredly subject them to be tried by a Court Martial for a breach of orders. The names of the Deputy Wagon Master Generals appointed to the Direction of the Wagons of the Divisions to be inserted in the Division Orders and those of the Brigades in Brigade Orders, and those officers to have recourse to the General Orders for the regulation of their conduct.

For the future the Commissaries are to issue five ounces of Soap for each man per week, and if it shall ever happen that they have not Soap to issue, they are by no means to give money in lieu of the Soap not drawn, but to reimburse the commanding officers of regiments and Corps such sums as they shall have expended for that article for the use of their Regiments and Corps when not to be had at the Commissary's Store—but in such cases the officers will confine themselves to the above allowance, and no soldier shall on any pretence be permitted to sell his soap, and if detected in doing so, he shall be severely punished. This ample

allowance of Soap being made, the commanding officers of Regiments and Corps will be answerable, that hence forward their men appear decent and clean.

No officer having appeared before the Board of General Officers to show cause why the abstracts cannot be made out agreeable to the General Orders, it is expected that they will be completed and delivered to the Paymaster General by the time limited in the General Order of the 6th instant, and hence forward the pay Abstracts are to be delivered regularly to the Paymaster General on the first Monday of every month for the month preceding.

The Honble the Continental Congress have been pleased to appoint William Buchanan Esq. Commissary General of Purchases, and Charles Stewart Esq. Commissary General of Issues of Provisions for the Armies of the United States, Joseph Trumbull Esq. having declined serving in these offices any longer. All the rations of the Army are to be made up to the next Monday in order for a settlement with the late Commissary General Trumbull, Mr. Bates will attend the Army constantly until the whole are paid off. He will take his Quarters as near as he can to Head Quarters.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS NEAR CROSS ROADS, August 12, 1777.

The Commander in Chief is pleased to approve the following sentences of a General Court Martial held yesterday, whereof Colonel Spencer was President, viz. Adam Close of the Sixth Virginia Regiment charged with Desertion—no witnesses appearing the Court ordered him to be sent to his Regiment. Jno. Jones and Jno. Franklin of the Fourteenth Virginia Regiment charged severally with desertion; sentenced to receive each one hundred lashes on his bare back, well laid on.

The Commander in Chief orders that the foregoing sentences be put in execution immediately; and that at all times hence forward so soon as sentences of a Court are approved and published in Orders, the officer whose duty it is shall send for the prisoners and cause the sentences to be executed

without delay, if the situation of the Army will possibly admit.

The Major Generals are to consult their Brigadiers and officers commanding Corps in their respective Divisions and set up as many Armouries as are sufficient to keep the arms of their respective Divisions in repair, and to see that if necessary one or more traveling forges be provided to effect this purpose in their Divisions. In making provision for this business it may not be amiss to consult the Commissary General of Stores and Thomas Butler Continental Armourer on the means proper for it. It is hoped that each Division can furnish their own Armourers.

The General does in very strong terms request that the Brigadiers will confine every Regimental Quarter Master of their respective Brigades who neglect to have proper . . . erected for the convenience of the men at any encampment of more than one night continuance, and who does not cause all offal to be buried—the neglect of this in our encampment near Schuylkill Falls occasioned it to become a public nuisance and a public reproach, to the great discredit of the Army, which in fact is not less injured in health than in reputation by such uncleanness and offensive smells—these . . . in a single line of encampment always to be dug in the rear and regular, and not at the will and pleasure of any Camp Colorman, many of whom have placed them most indecently—they are also to be covered with bowers and bushes when the places are marked out by the Quarter Masters,—it is expected this order will be invariably adhered to without repetition.

B. O.

A Brigade Guard—a Captain, a Subaltern, a Sergeant, a Corporal and fifty men, to mount in future, wherever the Brigade may be encamped, from which a chain of sentries are to be posted at proper intervals for the security of the Camp. A subaltern is to perform the visiting rounds and the Field Officers of the Brigade. The Grand Rounds are to see the sentries do their duty.

Any officer or soldier absent from camp after Tattoo not being on necessary duty—if an officer to be reported by the officer commanding the Guard in his morning report, and if a soldier, he is to be confined, that the proper notice may be taken in either case.

The Guard when the Brigade is upon a march, is always to compose the Rear Guard and to encamp when the ground will admit of it in the centre of the Brigade in front. The officer commanding it is requested to consider it as a part of his duty in conjunction with the Field officer of the Day, to see that the Camp is kept clean and to confine any offender against the Brigade Order of 6th inst.

REGIMENTAL ORDER.

The Regiment to be paraded this afternoon at 5 o'clock, and to exercise by double companies from that time to gun firing—the Captains to make their men exercise by the beat of the drum.

WALTER STEWART, *Colonel.*

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS CROSS ROADS, August 13, 1777.

Major General, Greene; Brigadier, Muhlenberg.

Field Officers, Col. Patton; Lieut. Col. Butler.

Brigade Major, Swain.

The Officers of the Day will consider the necessary guards to be posted in this place, and attend to the order and discipline of the Camp agreeable to General Orders of June 5th. The General requests the Officers of the Day to dine at Head Quarters as usual.

The Brigadiers or officers commanding Brigades are at orderly time tomorrow to return a list of all absent officers in their respective Corps to the Adjutant General. In doing this the name and rank of all the officers are to be set forth, how long they have been absent; whether they are upon duty and what duty; or on furlough, and the length of time for which it was granted. A strict compliance with this order is expected.

The Quarter Masters and Wagon Masters General are

now to arrange all matters in their respective Departments in the best manner possible and be ready to move on the shortest notice whatever route the Army may be called to march.

The Board of General Officers held the 12th inst. to examine the complaints made against Colonel John White and other officers of the Georgia Battalion for enlisting some men out of the Continental Army, who were already enlisted in other regiments, report that upon the fullest enquiry there does not appear the least imputation against Colonel White, or against any of his officers, except in the instance of Captain Lucas, who supposed himself authorized in the matter complained of by a General Order from Major General Gates issued by the Town Major. All officers from whose Corps it is suspected any men have deserted and enlisted into Colonel White's Battalion are instantly to make out lists of their names with proper descriptions of their persons and dress and deliver them to their Brigadiers or officers commanding their Brigades, who will then immediately send a subaltern officer of the Brigade to Philadelphia to examine Colonel White's Battalion agreeably to his request; he will deliver up these deserters, if any shall be found in his Corps. These officers will at the same time apply to the officer commanding the Galleys and other vessels of War at Philadelphia and below the city for leave to search their vessels for deserters, and they are desired to permit such searches accordingly.

Two sober, honest lads, who are to talk French, are to be sent to Head Quarters this afternoon at 6 o'clock. General Muhlenberg will send one from his Brigade and General Scott another, if to be found in their Brigades. One orderly sergeant from each Brigade to Head Quarters forthwith.

D. O. CAMP CROSS ROADS, August 13, 1777.

A Court of Inquiry to sit tomorrow morning whereof Colonel Stephens is President, to examine into a complaint made by Mr. Vanderslice, a Wagon Master, against Lieut. Colonel Davis of the 5th Virginia Regiment, for striking

and abusing him; the state of the matter to be reported at large that his Excellency who orders this Court may judge who is the aggressor.

General Muhlenberg is requested to order a Guard over Mr. Miller's oats, to consist of a Sergeant and ten men.

The commanding officers of Regiments to make a return of all the Armourers in their Regiments as soon as possible.

N. Greene, *M. G.*

B. O. Field Officers tomorrow, Lieut. Colonel Parker, Lieut. Colonel Buford. Court of Inquiry, Major Nicholas, Major Johnson. Colonel Stewart to parade tomorrow at Troop Beating, one sergeant, one corporal, sixteen privates.

B. O. Camp Cross Roads, August 14, 1777.

A return of the absent officers of the different Regiments to be given in by Colonels this morning at 10 o'clock, in doing which strict attention must be paid to the General Orders of yesterday, respecting the occasion of their absence, how long, on what duty &c. The gentlemen officers will also, in the forenoon, comply with the General Orders which relates to Suttlers, and make their report as early as possible.

Head Quarters
G. O. Camp Cross Roads, August 14, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Lord Stirling; Brigadier, Maxwell.

Field Officers, Colonel Cook, Lieut. Colonel Innes.

Brigade Major, Witherspoon.

A Board of General Officers not on duty to sit tomorrow at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at General Greene's Quarters for the purpose of settling the rank of all the Pennsylvania Field Officers.

Advertisement.

Stolen from the stable at the Cross Roads a pair of Silver mounted Pistols with screw-barrels. A handsome reward will be given to any person who will deliver them to Major

Nicholas of the 10th Virginia Regiment, and no questions asked.

Lieut. Colonel Heath of the 3rd Virginia Regiment had a horse stolen from him while the Army lay at the Clove. When the Army came to Coryell's Ferry, the horse was found in the hands of one Jones Ingomar where he was left by John Cummins and Patrick McGovack, said to have been Sutlers to the North Carolina troops. The horse was much abused and much disfigured. Commanding officers of Corps are desired to make inquiry in their Corps for the said Cummins and McGovack, that they may be brought to condign punishment, or if innocent that by their means the villain may be found out.

B. O. CAMP CROSS ROADS, August 15, 1777.

The Regimental Quarter Masters to make returns this day of such public stores as are in their possession to Laurence Trent, who is appointed Quarter Master of the Brigade. They will also make returns of the wagons belonging to their Regiments, that if there be any deficiency they may be supplied. The Wagon Masters of the Brigade will make him a return of the public horses in their regiments, and let him know if any are wanting for the Brigade. Anything wanting in the future for either of those Departments must be immediately communicated to him, and it is expected nothing will be left undone that may forward our marches when ordered. Mr. Trent will see to procure straw for any Regiments who are not supplied, and send their wagons immediately for it.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, CROSS ROADS, August 15, 1777.

It is with great concern that the Colonel sees his Regiment appear on the Parade so very dirty. He must look upon this as in a great measure owing to the negligence of the officers commanding companies, by not paying attention to the cleanliness of their men. Cleanliness is the first means to keep men healthy—that when the men get into the habit, there will be less trouble to the officers, otherwise it will

reflect on them and the appearance of their companies, and on the Colonel. The Colonel therefore requests the Captains and their officers will immediately examine into the dress and appearance of their men every day, and have such as appear dirty severely punished; he desires that the Captains divide their companies into squads, and give each of their sergeants the command and care of these squads, who is to be accountable for their cleanliness. It is my express order for the future, that no man appears on ye parade for guard without his uniform, close shaved, hands and face well washed and his hair powdered. Any soldier who in the future appears otherwise, must be immediately confined by the Sergeant-Major until the guard is relieved, when the officer of the main guard is to bring him to the front of the Regiment, attended by the guard, and he is to receive twenty lashes on his bare back.

WALTER STEWART,
Colonel.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS, CROSS ROADS, August 15, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Stevens; Brigadier, Woodford.

Field Officers, Lieut. Colonels Conner and Heath.

Brigade Major, Day.

Detail, Col. Stewart, 1 s, 1 s, 18 p.

B. O. Field Officer for the Brigade tomorrow, Major Murray.

B. O. CROSS ROADS, August 16, 1777.

The tents are to be struck at 10 o'clock and the encampments of the different regiments properly cleaned up, that the Wind and Sun may dry the ground. Regimental Quarter Masters will attend to this order and see that their encampments are clean and the tents pitched again in regular order in the afternoon. No bushes or filth of any kind must be left on the ground, either in the front or rear of the tents. The guards in future to parade in front of the Camp.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, CROSS ROADS, August 16, 1777.

A return to be made out by each Captain or officer commanding a company, of the number of men enlisted in their companies during the War, with the names of said men, to be delivered to the Adjutant immediately. No drums of the regiment to be beat in camp at any time, without the liberty of the commanding officer of the regiment. If fair weather the men are to be paraded tomorrow morning at five o'clock for exercise.

WALTER STEWART,
Colonel.

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